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NASHVILLE –Tennessee’s March unemployment rate of 4.8 percent, unchanged from the February rate, was released on May 5, 2003. County unemployment rates released today showed that 68 county rates decreased, 20 rates increased, and seven remained the same over the month.

Moore County, unchanged at 2.0 percent over the month, registered the state’s lowest county unemployment rate. Marshall County at 13.4 percent, up from 13.2, reported the state’s highest jobless rate.

Knox County at 2.5 percent in March, down from 2.7 percent, registered the lowest metropolitan county unemployment rate. Hamilton County registered 3.3 percent, down from 3.5 percent. Davidson County reported a 3.5 percent rate, down from 3.6, while Shelby County remained unchanged at 5.0 percent over the month.

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